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Jesus & The Paralytic God Provides • *We Trust God Together*

Divine Dependence ...Digging Deeper into the Word

Read about Jesus, the paralytic man, and his friends in **Mark 2:1-13**.

- This man would not have been forgiven and healed if it weren't for his friends. In what ways have you helped bring your friends to Christ?
 - How is God calling you to act in faith on behalf of someone else?
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If you can, read the whole book of **Ruth**. Otherwise, read **Ruth 1:1-18** and **4:13-22**.

- How does Ruth come alongside Naomi to trust God?
 - What impact did Ruth's faith have on the whole community of Israel?
 - How have you trusted and seen God provide for the faith community at Grace?
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Read **Psalms 115**, an encouragement to Israel - and the church today - to trust God together.

- Are there idols that we trust in when we should be depending on God to provide instead?
 - Reflect on this Psalm and think of "the house of Israel" as your faith community. How can we partner together to depend on God?
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Continue to reflect and pray...

Loving God, you created the earth and all that is in it; you provide for my every need. Help me to depend on you not just for my needs, but for the needs of others. Use me as a partner with others to follow you in faithfulness. Amen.